STATE OF ARIZONA

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STATE OF ARIZONA 1 DEPT. OF INSURANCE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE 2 In the Matter of: Docket Number 97A-071 3 U.S. Capital Insurance Company **SUSPENSION ORDER** 4 NAIC No. 24651, 5 Respondent. 6 Upon information obtained by the Corporate and Financial Affairs Division of the Arizona 7 8 Department of Insurance, the Director of Insurance makes the following findings of fact and 9 conclusions of law and issues the following order: U.S. Capital Insurance Company ("Respondent") is domiciled in New York and presently 10 holds a certificate of authority issued by the Arizona Department of Insurance to transact property 11 and casualty insurance business. 12 2. The National Association of Insurance Commissioners' ("N.A.I.C") Insurance Regulatory 13 Information System ("I.R.I.S.") discloses unusual values outside the acceptable range for nine of 14 the eleven I.R.I.S. ratios based upon Respondent's 1996 Annual Statement. Respondent's I.R.I.S. 15 ratios for gross premium and net premium writings compared to surplus exceed the recommended 16 maximum ratios of 900% and 300%, respectively. These findings constitute information received 17 from the N.A.I.C.'s I.R.I.S. which is adverse to the insurer with respect to its financial condition, 18 within the meaning of A.A.C. R20-6-308(A)(2). 19 3. Respondent reported operating losses within the meaning of A.A.C. R20-6-308(A)(7) in 20 the amount of \$11,966,915 during the year ending December 31, 1996. These operating losses are 21

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greater than 50% of Respondent's remaining surplus as regards policyholders that is in excess of

- 4. The N.A.I.C.'s I.R.I.S. ratios disclose that Respondent has severely underestimated loss reserves reported in Annual Statements from previous years. The actuarial opinion for Respondent's 1996 Annual Statement indicates that current reserves for losses and loss adjustment expenses are reported at the lower range of reasonableness. This information contained in the actuarial opinion, when considered together with Respondent's pattern of under-estimating its reserves, constitutes an adverse finding or information with respect to Respondent's financial condition, within the meaning of A.A.C. R20-6-308(A)(1).
- 5. Respondent's 1996 Annual Statement reported negative cash flow from operations in the amount of \$5,519,437 for the year ending December 31, 1996, indicating that Respondent is experiencing cash flow or liquidity problems, within the meaning of A.A.C. R20-6-308(A)(18).
- 6. Respondent's 1996 Annual Statement reports as assets "miscellaneous receivables" of \$9,019,315. This amount exceeds Respondent's reported surplus. \$8.4 million of miscellaneous receivables represents a receivable for commutation of a reinsurance treaty. Respondent's assets are not of sufficient fair market value, liquidity, and diversity to assure its ability to meet its outstanding obligations as they mature, within the meaning of A.A.C. R20-6-308(A)(5).
- 7. Respondent is in an unsound condition or in such condition as to render its further transaction of insurance in this state hazardous within the meaning of A.R.S. §20-220(A)(3) and A.A.C. R20-6-308.
- 8. It appears to and is the opinion of the Director that Respondent's financial condition is such as to render the continuance of its business hazardous to the public or to holders of its

1	policies or certificates of insurance, within the meaning of A.R.S. §20-169.
2	9. The public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action, within the
3	meaning of A.R.S. § 41-1064(C).
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ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's certificate of authority to transact insurance in Arizona is suspended effective this date. Further, pursuant to the Director's authority described in A.A.C. R20-6-308(C)(2), Respondent is prohibited from accepting renewal business on Arizona risks during the period of this suspension as well as transacting insurance business in this state requiring a certificate of authority pursuant to A.R.S. §20-206.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that to abate the determinations made herein, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 20-169, 20-220(A)(3) and 20-235(C) and A.A.C. R20-6-308, Respondent shall:

- 1. Submit to the Director an RBC report based on the 1996 Annual Statement, and any RBC plan that is filed with the insurance director in any other state, in accordance with A.R.S. §§20-488.02 and 20-488.09;
- 2. Provide to the Director an independent actuarial report which shows that Respondent's reserves are adequate;
- 3. Bring the gross and net premiums to surplus ratio to no more than 900% and 300% respectively for the calendar year before the reinstatement;
- 4. Demonstrate that assets are of sufficient fair market value, liquidity and diversity to assure Respondent's ability to meet its outstanding obligations as they mature; and
- 5. Demonstrate that Respondent's reinsurance provides adequate protection for its remaining surplus and complies with A.R.S. §20-260.

DATED this day of April, 1997.

JOHN A. GREENE

Director of Insurance

NOTICE

The determination set forth in this order is an "appealable agency action" pursuant to		
A.R.S. § 41-1092. Consequently, you have the right to obtain a hearing on this determination by		
filing a Notice of Appeal within thirty (30) days after your receipt of this order. If your Notice of		
Appeal is received after that thirty (30) day period, it will not be accepted without a demonstration		
of good cause for the late filing. The Notice of Appeal must identify the party appealing, the		
party's address, the determination being appealed, and must contain a concise statement of the		
reasons for the appeal. Your hearing will be held within sixty (60) days after your Notice of		
Appeal is filed, unless the hearing is advanced or delayed by agreement or a showing of good		
cause by any party. The Department of Insurance will serve a Notice of Hearing at least thirty (30)		
days before the hearing, which will inform you of the date, time and location of the hearing as well		
as the issues in controversy.		
If you file a Notice of Appeal, you may also request an Informal Settlement Conference by		

filing a written request no later than twenty (20) days before the scheduled hearing. conference will be held within fifteen (15) days after receipt of your request. If an Informal Settlement Conference is requested, a person with the authority to act on behalf of the Department of Insurance will be present. Please note that you waive any right to object to the participation of the Department's representative in the final administrative decision of the matter if it is not settled.

The Notice of Appeal and request for an Informal Settlement Conference described above may be addressed to:

> Deputy Director Arizona Department of Insurance 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 Phoenix, Arizona 85018

Attn.: Hearing Administration

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